Ripper" Bill Reported Favorably in the Senate-Bill Increasing Number of Municipal Judges Reported Favorably in the Assembly-The Recount Bill.

ALBANY, April 11 .- The Senate to-day assed Assemblyman Wainwright's bill providing for an investigation of the Nanal Guard. Senator Raines had had the bill amended in the Finance Committee that he will have the power of appointng the three Senators who are to serve on the commission. This was done to take man power away from Lieut-Jov. Chanler,

Senator Taylor endeavored to have the will restored to its original form, but his amendment was defeated, 18 to 28. The shill must pass the Assembly again.

The Separe passed Senator Page's bill att limiting the hours of employment on steam railroads to not more than sixteen hours in every twenty-four hours.

The Senate Cities Committee to-day reported favorably Assemblyman Conklin's New York city "Ripper" bill, which is desired by State Chairman Woodruff and President Parsons of the New York County Republican Committee. This bill deprives the Borough Presidents of membership in the Board of

Aldermen, and also limits the President of we the Board of Aldermen to voting only on as appropriation measures and when there is ya tie vote. The Assembly Codes Committee to-day reported Assemblyman Wells's bill redis-

no tricting the Municipal Court in Manhattan borough and increasing the number of budges. The passage of this bill will do much to cure the great congestion in the Lake courts, which is so flagrant that Gov. G. Hughes called attention to it in his mes-

The changes in Manhattan to be brought about by the bill are important. The th number of districts is decreased from fourcreased from fourteen to twenty-two. The number of Junges for each district depends upon its population and amount of business. The court is to sit in parts, with one part reserved in each district for the "poor man's" cases, and the board of Judges given power to establish other parts of the trial of designated cases. Senator Page to-day asked the Senate Judi-

Committee to report the Hearst Recount However, Senator Patrick H. McCarof the bill. Senator McCarren says there are a number of citizens of New York city who would like to express their opposition to the bill.

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Governor of a commission to examine Governor of a commission to examine into the Charter of New York city. The bill has been amended so as to provide that the Mayor and Comptroller of New York city shall be members of the commis-

This is the bill that was held over the heads of the New York city police inspec-tors, as under its provision the commission

Tors, as under its provision the commission already inquire into the workings of the a Police Department and out-Lexow the celebrated Lexow Committee.

Assemblyman Beverly R. Robinson today introduced a bill which is intended at clarify the situation in regard to enheroachments in New York city as renigards bay windows and ornamental projections which have been built under autentical. A lections which have been built under authority of the Board of Aldermen since 1903. The bill was prepared by the Allied Real Estate interests of the State of New York. It does not refer to or cover any cases which have already arisen. Since the York. It does not refer to or cover any cases which have already arisen. Since the Board of Aldermen has passed the ordinances permitting encrosed to the state of the state o hances permitting encroachments 6,208 permits for bay windows and ornamental projections have been issued to owners of it property in Manhattan and The Bronx, and fees of \$112,202.97 have been received by the city for such permits. Of these Dermits 5,287 covered bay windows.

Assemblyman Robinson says that the bill

this part of the programme adopted by hithe Allied Real Estate interests looking o toward the clearing up of the situation in New York city as regards encroachments on the streets. The association proposes within a short time to inaugurate a camw paign against encroachments, particularly have been erected without permits or under special ordinances. There are a number of sign posts and other obstructions on Broadwhich seriously interfere with traffic

The Senate passed Senator Armstrong's for a commission to select a site for a new making an appropriation State hospital for the insane. Senator Armstrong was asked why the State did not avail itself of the Ike Baker farm site in Washington county, which the Sat the instance of Benjamin B. Odell. ight several years ago for a State hosital site. It was explained that this new cospital is to be used solely for New York city. Senator Ackroyd of Utica said that he would cheerfully vote for the bill, for according to the latest reports from the "haw trial there was a new disease in New York city called "brainstorm" and a new hospital would be needed there. The Assembly Ways and Means Com-

mittee has reported favorably Assembly-man Robinson's bill providing for the reorganization of the State Prison Commis-sion, doing away with a salaried president. The real intent of the billis to break up the suspicion that graft is seing enjoyed in the administration of the State prisons.

The Assembly passed Assemblyman Merritt's bill authorizing the submission to the voters of the State of a proposi-I tion to expend \$15,000,000 to purchase addi-tional lands for the State park in the Ad-

The Assembly also passed Assemblyman Prentice's bill providing for the sand-ing of New York city streets.

Another bill passed by the Assembly appropriates for the immediate use of the State Engineer \$200,000 with which to re-

The Senate passed the bill of the late Assemblyman Stanley authorizing insurance corporations to invest in the stock

and bonds of Canadian insurance com-Senator Grady's bill appropriating \$25,-H. Green passed the Senate. New York

ity is to appropriate \$50,000 for the same Senator Forlker's bill increasing from five ten years the maximum penalty for blackmail and extortion passed the Senate. The Senate Cities Committee has reported enator Page's bill providing for the ex-ension of Riverside Drive for the purpose

of erecting a monument and water gate to the memory of Robert Fulton.

The Assembly Codes Committee has reported Senator Frawley's bill authorizing the Amateur Athletic Union to conduct four round bouts between amateurs. Eight

unce gloves are to be used

FOUR HOURS A DAY'S WORK.

President Fixes It for Government Employees During July, August and September. WASHINGTON, April 11 .- President Roose elt has signed an executive order directing that on Saturdays during July, August and September until further notice four hours, exclusive of time for luncheon, l constitute a day's work for me-nics, laborers and other employees in civil service at the manufacturing nd supply arsenals and depots under the Var Department and in the offices of the livision and department commanders and the various staff officers at military, rision and department headquarters of army and in the engineer department

Major-Gen. J. Franklin Bell, Chief of Staff, has issued an order limiting as nearly as practicable to two years the tour of duty in the Philippines Division of all staff officers and post non-commissioned officers. Their tour will be computed from the date their arrival in that division to the date

SALARY INCREASE BILLS.

Gov. Hughes Opposed to Increasing Pay of an Elected Officer After His Election. ALBANY, April 11 .- Gov. Hughes's veto of a salary increase bill for a New York city employee has caused members of the Legislature to ask how they can get around the

veto, for there are any number of such bills before the Legislature. On March 28 Assemblyman Beverly R.

Robinson introduced a bill which authorized the Board of Aldermen to fix. the salaries of county officers and subordinates, as well as all official employees. To-day he had a talk with Gov. Hughes and, as a result, he has amended his bill so as to meet the views of the Governor. As amended, the views of the Governor. As amended, the bill will provide that no change in the salary of an elected officer can be made after his election or during his tenure of office. In the event of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment recommending increases in salary of county officers, the Board of Aldermen may reque but not increase the salary so recommended of any county officer, subordinate or em-ployee, but the Mayor shall have the veto

If the Board of Estimate and Apportionment wishes to recommend increases in salaries the Board of Aldermen shall fix the salaries to begin with June 1 next, and they shall remain in force until these boards again decide on a change, thus preventing the coming to the Legislature of applications for increases.

WOODRUFF'S REQUEST DENIED. Cannot Open a Highway Across State Lands to His Adirendack Camp.

ALBANY, April 11.-State Forest, Fish and Game Commissioner Whipple has denied a second application of Chairman Timothy L. Woodruff of the Republican State committee for the opening of a highway across State lands to reach his camp in Township 4, Totten and Crossfield purchase, Hamilton county, near Raquette

Permission to open such a highway was refused on the ground that Mr. Woodruff had access to his property through another highway. Thereafter he found an old law of 1786, which provided that the State could reserve five acres in every hundred where sales were made and patents of land were given for highway purposes. It was con-tended that Commissioner Whipple should grant the highway because of the reser-vation of the five acres under the old

Commissioner Whipple said he was not clear as to the intention of the Legislature under this old statute, and besides he was of the opinion that if there was ever a legal dedication of five acres in every hundred for highways it has lapsed by non-user. He also believes that in any case land so set apart could not be used for a private road. The question has never been deter-mined in the courts, and Mr. Woodruff is expected to seek a review on a writ of

TO TEST BILLS BEFORE PASSAGE. Proposed Constitutional Amendment to

Submit Them to the Court of Appeals. ALBANY, April 11 .- Assemblyman W. I Lee of Brooklyn has introduced a bill amending the Constitution which, if passed by two Legislatures and adopted by the people, will permit each branch of the Legislature and the Governor to ask the Court of Appeals for opinions on important bills. In this way the Legislature can reduce the number of unconstitutional laws. Mr. Lee

The method will be to allow the Legislature or the Governor the right to certify the question in doubt to the Court of Ap-peals, and the proposed bill can then be framed or revised according to the opinion received. At present laws are often passed whose illegality is only ascertained after long and expensive litigation. It is not be-lieved that the amount of work thus thrown on the Court of Appeals would be burden-some, and it is expected that it would be more than offset by a lessening of litigation due to consequent greater accuracy in lawmaking. The recent upsetting of the re-apportionment act furnishes one of many reasons for a system by which the Legislature and the Governor can better insure the accuracy of proposed legislation. This system is in vogue in Massachusetts, where

Bills Signed by the Governor. ALBANY, April 11 -Gov. Hughes has

signed the following bills . Mr. Boshart's providing that prosecutions for penalties for violations of the agricultural law may be brought in the county where the product is exposed for sale or in the county where the adulteration or violation occurred.

Mr. Prentice's incorporating Margaret livia Sage, Robert W. De Forest, Cleveland H Dodge, Daniel C. Gilman, John M. Glenn, Helen Gould, Gertrude M. Rice and Louisa . Schuyler, together with such persons as hey may associate with themselves as the Russell Sage Foundation, for the purpose of maintaining a fund and applying the income to the improvement of social and living condiions in the United States.

Mr. Conrady's authorizing the Supreme court to grant permission to the Reformed Outch Church of Gravesend to convey the Woodlawn Chapel property to the Woodlawn Reformed Church of Brooklyn.

Mead's permitting the appointment of an unlimited number of commissioners of deeds in other States, Territories and foreign

Mr. Volk's authorizing boards of super-visors after September 1 next to increase from \$2 to \$3 the daily compensation of grand and trial jurors.

Mr. Wainwright's authorizing Port Chester to raise for public health purposes a tax, not exceeding one-tenth of 1 per cent, upon its otal assessed valuations.

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BILL APPROVED BY GOV. HUGHES IS INTRODUCED.

The Changes Deal With the Elections and Prohibit Voting by Proxy-Voting in Future Must Be Done by Mail-The Official Ballot Only Can Be Used.

ALBANY, April 11 .- As a result of the conference held by Gov. Hughes with the members of the Armstrong insurance investigating committee who are still in the Legislature, in regard to the changes deemed necessary to the insurance laws of last year. Assemblyman Rogers has introduced a bill embodying the views of the members of the committee. The particular changes deal with matters of election, the idea being to prevent a recurrence of the situation revealed in the last election. One of the most important provisions is that no voting by proxy can be had in the future. All voting must be done by mail, and the companies are required to set forth in detail the amount to be expended for election

The bill also provides that no person shall act as agent, sub-agent or broker for life insurance companies until he has filed in the office of the clerk of the county where he resides a certified copy of his certificate of authority. The bill also requires that lists of policyholders at the home office shall be corrected from day to day, so as to contain the names and last known post office address of the policy-holders, and the lists at general agencies in various States shall be corrected from the lists in the home office

The bill also prohibits any ballot other than the official ballot, approved by the Superintendent of Insurance, from being used, pernitendent of insurance, from being used; and upon request the corporations shall promptly furnish to any policyholder a second ballot for his use, but not more than two ballots in all shall be furnished to any voter, except with the consent of the Super-intendent of Insurance. The official ballot shall have printed upon it the name of a de-pository authorized by the Superintendent of Insurance to receive ballots.

Another provision of the bill requires that votes at elections shall be limited to the candidates nominated, except that in case of the death or incapacity of a candidate the board of directors for the administration ticket and the majority of the nominators for an independent ticket may nominate another candidate in his place by filing a certificate. Another change is in re gard to rebates. It provides that no person shall be excused from attending and testifying or producing books or documents upon any inquisition for vio-lations in rebating, on the ground that the testimony might tend to convict him of a crime or subject him to a penalty or for-feiture. Witnesses are protected from the effects of the evidence they give incriminating themselves.

These are the only changes to the insur-

ance law contemplated, and it is believed with their adoption elections in the future can be conducted with more expedition than the first one held under the new law

PUBLIC UTILITIES BILL. Attorneys for the Railroads Submit Their Amendments.

ALBANY, April 11 .- The attorneys for the railroads have submitted to the Senate Judiciary and the Assembly Railroads committees an amended copy of the public utilities bill embodying their ideas in regard to what kind of a bill should be passed. Included among the amend-ments are a broad court review, restricting the power of removal to a trial by the

Senate, increasing the salary of the com-missioners and a number of changes in regard to the finances of the corporations. While there is a bare possibility of the power of removal provision being changed, there is none whatever for a court review provision or for changing the manner of investments other than to permit a corpora-tion to invest in the bonds of a company

that is not a competitor.

One of the members who is interested in he passage of the bill says that he finds a division of sentiment in regard to the power of removal, and he thinks the Governor's speech at Glens Falls last Friday has done much to change many who had entertained a belief that a political calamity would befail the Republican party should the power of removal be vested solely in the Governor. Up to last week that had been the main objection to the bill in the

Assemblyman Merritt, one of the framers of the bill and who is closely studying the effect of it, says he is anxious to have the bill pass the Assembly by a good sized majority. He does not want a close vote on the question. As a result missionary work is being done among the Assemblymen. The Governor will have another chance to appeal to the people before the bill is taken up for final passage, for he is to speak at the Buffalo Chamber of Commerce dinner on April 18.

Movements of Naval Vessels

WASHINGTON, April 11 .- The collier Saturn has arrived at Magdalena Bay, the gunboats Dubuque and Scorpion at Gibraltar, the gunboat Eagle at Santiago and the tug Uncas at Key West.

The battleships Maine, Louisiana, Missouri, Virginia, Georgia, New Jersey, Rhode Island, Alabama, Illinois, Kearsarge, Ken-tucky, Ohio, Indiana and Iowa and the tank ship Arethusa have sailed from Guantanamo for Hampton Roads, the cruiser Washington from League Island for Hamp ton Roads, the tug Choctaw from Norfolk for Washington and the tug Hercules from Key West for Norfolk.

Complaints Against 129 Ballroads in the West.

WASHINGTON, April 11 .- A complaint has been filed with the Interstate Commerce Commission by the Pacific Coast Lumber Manufacturers' Association and several kindred organizations against 129 railroads in the West. The complaint has to do with freight rates in the territory south of Portland. The list of the defendants is so large land. The list of the defendants is so large that the commission has asked the com-plainants to shorten the list in order to save an enormous amount of work for the commissioners and also to facilitate the hearing of the complaint.

A telegram was received from attorneys for the complaining companies to-day asking that no action be taken until the receipt of mail advices. It is probable that the list of defendants will be shortened, and in that event a hearing will be given as

To Probe Immigrant Stations.

WASHINGTON, April 11.-The announcement was made at the Department of Commerce and Labor to-day that Secretary Straus had ordered an inquiry into the administration of affairs at all the immigrant stations in the country, including that at Ellis Island. Secretary Straus is having all the bureaus looked into in an effort to familiarize himself with the details of his department.

Army and Navy Orders. WASHINGTON, April 11.-These army orders were

capt. Charles L. McKain, from Sixteenth to Eighteenth Infantry. First Lieut. Frederick L. Buck. Artillery. to Ninety-second Company, Coast Artillery. Lieut. Col. Alexander O. Brodis, Adjutant-General. from Philippines Division to St. Paul. Major Gen. H. Morgan, Adjutant-General, from Northern Division to Philippines Division. Major Ernest Hinds, Adjutant-General, to Denver. Major Edward R. Morris, Sürgeon, to Washington barracks.

arracks.

Col. Ramsay D. Potts General Staff; to Atlanta Ga.
First Lieut, Nathan J. Shelton, Artillery, to his home.
The retirement of First Lieut. Starkey Y. Britt,
Artillery, is announced.

These navy orders were issued: Lieut. J. E. Lewis from Chicago recruiting station to the Missouri.
Lieut. E. F. Eckhardt, from the Franklin to Chicago recruiting station.
Ensign W. S. Anderson, from Washington to the





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KILLED ON CANADIAN PACIFIC. Fifteen Persons Burned to Death in a Railroad Wreck Near Fort William.

OTTAWA, Ont., April 11.-Fifteen persons were burned to death in an accident at Chapleau, near Fort William, Ont., on the Canadian Pacific Railroad late last night. Between thirty and forty persons were seriously injured. Three of the dead are Americans, Mrs. Augusta Jackland and two daughters, of Worcester, Mass.

Late last night the through train from Montreal had reached a place twenty miles east of Chapleau, when several cars left the track, two of which were overturned into a ditch. The cars caught fire and several passengers who were underneath were burned to death.

All identification papers and clothing were destroyed, and it was impossible to learn who the dead were. The car that caught fire was a tourist car, which at this time of year was jammed with immigrants and passengers flocking to the Northwest. Vice-president McNicoll of the Canadian Pacific Railroad issued an official statement this morning, which intimated that the train also carried ordinary passenger cars.

His statement says: "About twenty-two miles west of Chapleau, Ont., yesterday, the westbound transcontinental train which left Montreal on Tuesday morning was partly derailed, caused by a broken rail. Five cars ran down an embankment and caught fire, said to have been caused by a cooking range. Nine adults and six children are missing.

CURATE MEARS DEPOSED. Sociological Clergyman No Longer in the

Episcopal Ministry. The case of the Rev. W. Howard Mears. curate of St. Matthew's Church, came to an end yesterday when Coadjutor Bishop David H. Greer, acting on the report made by the commission appointed to hear the case, announced the dismissal of the clergyman from the ministry. Bishop Green

gave out this statement The committee appointed to investigate the conduct of the Rev. W. Howard Mears on the night of March 13, 1907, have reported that his conduct on that occasion involved a violation of his sixth ordination vow, which requires that a clergyman, "as far as in him lies, shall make himself a wholesome example and pattern to the flock of Christ Mr. Mears, while declaring that he was not actuated by any wrong motive, has accepted the finding and acknowledged the judgment of the committee, and declared in his renunciation of the ministry; and I have accordingly deposed him from the ministry

of the Protestant Episcopal Church. Asked if the report of the commission had been unanimous Bishop Greer said The commission's report was unanimous and was in accord with the decision made. It recommended that Mr. Mears be tried, but he waived his rights to a trial and was

dismissed."
Mr. Mears had nothing to say at present, but it was intimated that he might hereafter have something to say about the commission which took testimony in

On the night of March 13 Mr. Mears met a negress in the Tenderloin and went home with her. Plain clothes men followed him and as a result of an encounter with one of them he spent a night in a cell.

DECISIONS AGAINST RAILROADS. Interstate Commission Declares Certain Rates Unlawful, Unjust and Excessive.

WASHINGTON, April 11.-The Interstate Commerce Commission to-day announced decisions in two cases. In the complaint of the Texas Cement Plaster Company against the St. Louis and San Francisco Railroad Company and the St. Louis, San Francisco and Texas Railway Company, Commissioner Prouty, who wrote the decision, said that the rates on plaster from Quanah, Tex., to St. Louis and Kansas City are unlawful and that the complainant is entitled to recover from the carriers reparation for the unreasonable and excessive charges. Commissioner Prouty held that a railroad company cannot arbitrarily deermine that a particular mill shall compete in a certain market with other localities and that other mills on its lines shall no so compete, particularly where the dis-crimination is not justified by operating

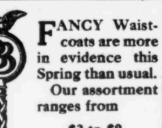
crimination is not justified by operating conditions.

In the second case, that of W. B. Johnston against the St. Louis and San Francisco Railroad company, the Denver, Enid and Gulf Railroad Company, the Missouri Kansas and Texas Railway Company and the Fort Smith and Western Railroad Company, the rates on coal from various fields in Indian Territory to Enid, Okla., were involved. Commissioner Prouty holds that the rates per ton on coal in carload lots from the MoAlester district to Enid are not excessive, nor are similar rates from the excessive, nor are similar rates from the Lehigh district and the San Roy district in Indian Territory to Enid excessive. The coal rates from the Marietta district to Enid, however, are held to be unjust and excessive and the complainant is allowed thirty days in which to file a statement with the commission of his shipments by the excessive rate in order that the reparation which he asks may be adjusted

Strike Closes a Calumet and Arizona Mine. EL Paso, Tex., April 11.-The Superior and Pittsburg mine closed at Bisbee to-day as result of the Western Federation strike there This is Calumet and Arizona property. The mining companies declare they will not recognize the federation. Most of the strikers are young men. The old-timers are satisfied.

Lefty Boyle's Murderer Goes to Prison for Lafe.

Alexander DeVeau, who shot and killed Lefty Boyle on June 28, 1908, and pleaded guilty to murder in the second degree on March 6 last, was sentenced by Judge O'Sullivan yesterday to life imprisonment.



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SUMMONS FOR MILES O'REILLY. Police Captain Finds a Fully Protected

Automobile Shop Police Captain Miles O'Reilly of the Mercer street station was in the Jefferson Market Court yesterday morning on a summons issued to James R. Cullen, of 34 West Third street. L. H. Revnolds Cullen's lawyer, told Magistrate Whitman that the Captain with several uniformed policemen had entered the place on Tuesday afternoon and had refused to leave when the lawyer ordered him to do so.

"I heard from Detective Fitzgerald that furniture of various kinds was being unloaded from vans and taken into the place at night," said the captain. "The driver of the van told Fitzgerald that the stuff was moved from a pool room in Dey street

"The captain is mistaken. The driver never said such a thing," interrupted the lawyer. "And if he did the police have no right to enter the premises of a hard work business man and remain against his

The place has been raided as a pool room at least a dozen times," said the cap-

"But the police never got a conviction," said the lawyer. "I defy Capt. O'Reilly to show a shred of evidence against the place. The police of that precinct are hounding my client. Why there is a suit for \$10,000 pending against Capt. Burke for that last raid of his. My client has an

for that last raid of his. My client has an automobile repair shop there."
"Well," said the captain, "that's the best protected automobile shop I've seen in all my years of experience as a policeman. It's barricaded like a fortification. There are relays of barred doors and gratings. If I wanted to force my way in there, as the lawyer accuses me of doing, I'd have to use a cannon. The doors were open and we walked in and looked around. I've got to protect the business men in my district and the circumstances of the opening of the place I considered suspicious The captain is a good man, and is held in universal regard. I'm sure he wouldn't knowingly annoy you," said Magistrate Whitman to the lawyer.

Whitman to the lawyer.

"Well, if he'll promise to keep away from
the place." said the lawyer, "we won't ask
to have him punished."

"All right," said the captain; "if my presence on the block is a detriment to you,
I'll go around the block—until I secure the

necessary evidence. TO REVISE CITY CHARTER.

enator Page Amends the Bill to Meet the Objections of Mayor McClellan.

ALBANY, April 11 .- In order to overcome objections of Mayor George B. McClellan, that he has been ignored in the matter of the appointment of a commission to revise the charter of New York city, Senator Alfred R. Page, who introduced the bill. has had it amended to make it mandatory that the Mayor and the Comptroller shall be members of the commission. Gov. Hughes, however, is to appoint the commission, which is to comist of nine persons. Originally the bill provided that the Governor could appoint as a member of the commission any officer of New York city and at least one member of the Board of Aldermen. Whether Mayor McClellan will approve of the bill is not known. He will approve of the bill is not known. approve of the bill is not known. He will have to pass upon it, for although the Governor is to appoint the commission the city of New York has to pay the expenses of the commission, \$25,000 being appro-The bill gives the commission power to

probe departments and can compel the production of books and documents as well as swear witnesses. It was this provision that, it was believed, would have the effect that, it was believed, would have the effect of showing what the police inspectors were doing had they defeated the Bingham police bill. The commission is to make its report to the Governor before Decem-ber 1 next and submit bills in order to get the Charter into working order. ber 1 next and submit bills in the Charter into working order

Arrivals by the North German Lloyd steamship Prinzess Irene from the Medi-

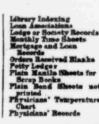
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BINGER HERMANN'S TRIAL. He Admits Taking a Rakeoff of a Congress Clerk's Salary.

WASHINGTON, April 11.-Ex-Representative Binger Hermann, on trial for destroying thirty-five letter press copy books of his office when Commissioner of the General Land Office, made his final appearance on the witness stand on his own behalf this afternoon. District Attorney Baker pursued relentlessly a line of questions regarding a division of salary of Harry C. Robertson, a session clerk in the Fifty-fourth Congress. It was claimed by the Government that Hermann accompanied Robertson to the cashier's window each month and drew a rakeoff of \$105 of the clerk's \$185 monthly salary. The defendant admitted that there was an arrangement requiring Robertson to split his salary, but he asserted that the amount turned over to him went to pay an assistant clerk, who came to his home three evenings each week to take dictation in long hand, and that this was understood by Robertson. Regarding his acquisition of public lands while receiver of the Roseburg Land Office in 1871-73, Mr. Hermann testified that he



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